

[23 February, 2001]      RAJYA SABHA

**Environmental Clearance of projects for cleaning of Musi river**

**243. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:**

**DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted proposals to the Central Government for Rs. 295 crore projects aimed at cleaning Musi river under National River Conservation projects and Central assistance for upgrading sewage treatment systems;

(b) whether clearance by Central Government has been accorded to the above proposal;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the clearance is expected and money released?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
(SHRI T.R. BAALU):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As the river Musi has not been included in the approved list of rivers under the National River Conservation Plan, the proposal is under examination.